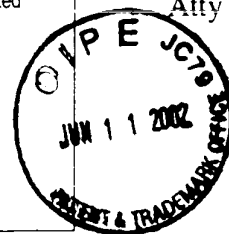


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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 4 December 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for three months; and
- 2) A substitute formal drawing for Figure 1.

Please amend the specification and claims as follows

In the Specification.

Please delete paragraph Figure 1 and insert the accompanying substitute Figure 1.

Please delete the paragraph at page 32, lines 7-15, and insert the following:

--Where it is desired to recombinantly express either of the two chimeric molecules comprising the two-hybrid systems of this invention, the nucleic acid sequences encoding the desired protein are typically operably linked to suitable transcriptional or translational regulatory elements. The